

What is claimed is:

1. A shading decorative sheet comprising:
 - a transparent base layer having a back face and a front face opposing to the back face, which comprises a thermoplastic resin film,
 - a decorative layer provided on said front face of the base layer, which has a gradation pattern at least in one direction, and
 - 10 an adhesive layer fixedly provided on said back face of the base layer, wherein said gradation pattern comprises an opaque region having a haze of at least 30% when measured according to ASTM D 1003-00 and a transparent region, and a ratio of the areas of the two regions is changed at least in one direction.
2. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1, wherein said gradation pattern comprises a part consisting of the opaque region, a part consisting of the opaque region having a plurality of discrete transparent regions, a part consisting of the transparent region having a plurality of discrete opaque regions, and a part consisting of the transparent region.

3. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1,
wherein said gradation pattern comprises a part consisting
of the opaque region, a part consisting of the opaque region
having a plurality of discrete transparent regions, and a
5 part consisting of the transparent region.

4. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1,
wherein said gradation pattern comprises a part consisting
of the opaque region, a part consisting of the transparent
10 region having a plurality of discrete opaque regions, and a
part consisting of the transparent region.

15 5. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1,
wherein said gradation pattern comprises a part consisting
of the opaque region, a part consisting of the opaque region
having a plurality of discrete transparent regions, and a
part consisting of the transparent region having a plurality
of discrete opaque regions.

20 6. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1,
wherein said gradation pattern comprises a part consisting
of the opaque region having a plurality of discrete
transparent regions, a part consisting of the transparent
region having a plurality of discrete opaque regions, and a
25 part consisting of the transparent region.

7. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1,
wherein said gradation pattern comprises a part consisting
of the opaque region having a plurality of discrete
transparent regions, and a part consisting of the
5 transparent region having a plurality of discrete opaque
regions.

8. The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1,
wherein a boundary between a recognizable part and a non-
10 recognizable part is determined by a shielding area S (%)
which is defined by the following formula (1):

$$S (\%) = [S_1(\text{cm}^2)/100(\text{cm}^2)] \times 100 \quad (1)$$

wherein S_1 is a total area (cm^2) of the opaque region(s) in
an area of 10 cm x 10 cm.